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REPLY OF RUSSIA.

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OFFICIAL NOTE PRINTED. scial note published in St. Peorg today announces that instructo the reply to be given to the

Japanese Minister at St. Peters-M. Kurino, has authorized the As-ed Press to say that he had a al conference with Foreign Minis-amsdorff on Friday last and that convinced by the latter's sincere is disposed to seek a ul settlement.

### WAR PREPARATIONS.

#### Making Ready for Conflict With Russin.

Jan. 4.-War preparations e, but the Government seems deed to avoid the initiation of any t and for this purpose the note the powers was intended to that the responsibility rested upon ould the negotiations now pr

Government is proceeding very covocation, it is possible that peace continue for some time. The prep-ns made by the Government are, of a determination upon its par hi if necessary. The popular clam-somewhat subsided, although support the proposition to seize sciare a protectorate over Korea. at will continue negotiations until ceful settlement is hopeless. In cantime it will watch the acts of

re is much irritation at the presse of Russia in Seoul and Pe-Imperial Princes serving in the

have returned to their stations a

### UNREST IN CHINA.

#### Sam Hopes the Japan-Russian rouble May Go to Hague.

iction, Jan 4.-Reports of unrest ha and indications that the Peking mt is inclined to join hands oldo in the event of war between and Japan have been received at a department with regret. The ty of China becoming involved in conflict presents, it is said, a very memace to American trade, and the sof the Washington government speed to bring to bear all the le moral pressure at the comoth at St. Petersburg and Peking are peace between Russia and cannot be averted.

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#### RUSSIA'S REPLY WILL BE READY IN A DAY OR TWO.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.-The @ Associated Press has the authority @ of the Foreign office for the statement that the Russian reply will be . transmitted to Japan in a day or . two. The reply will not be merely @ @ "yes" or "no," but will be made up @ of reasoned propositions. The gen-@ eral basis of this communication is @ already complete, but the details . are being elaborated on. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

question to The Hague tribunal for settle

ment.

The Washington government sees nothing in this problem which could not be carried to The Hague Unofficially our Government has learned that China is disposed to refer the Manchurian question to the Hague and agree not to mix in a war between Russia and Japan.

#### TENSION DECREASED.

#### Situation Is Regarded as More Reassuring.

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 4.-The tension betwee Russia and Japan has appreciably decreased and the situation is regarded in authoritative quarters as quite reassuring, according to a dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Peters-

"Although the preparations and straegic deployment of both armies will not be immediately interrupted," adds the correspondent, "pending the negotiations taking a turn affording the best prospects of Russia coming to a complete understanding with Japan."
The dispatch also says that the Russian reply is expected shortly and that Viceroy Alexieff will start in February

or St. Petersburg. Russian Troops at Sin-Min-Tun.

Tien Tsin, Jan 4-The Russian office here has informed the railroad officials that a detachment of 100 Russian troops will occupy Sin-Min-Tun, on the railroad running to Shan-Hai-Kwan and Tien Tsin, in two days from date.

#### MUST DEFEND ISLANDS.

Philippines Have Been in Uncle Sam's Possession Five Years, but Not a Gun Has Been Mounted.

Washington, Jan 4-A report submitted by the joint army and naval board, of which Admiral Dewey is the senior member, relative to fortications for the Philippines, transmitted to the House today by Secretaries Root and Moody, easy. "The policy of Congress may be assumed to be to hold the Philippines in American possession as against any foreign enemy, but, although the islands have been in our possession now more than five years, not a gun has been mounted nor an earthwork raised to protect any of our harbors."

The report recites that the board "has the honor to submit to the Government its judgment that the national policy as expressed in Congress cannot be maintained in war unless provision is made for defense." ber, relatvie to fortications for the Phil-

### IRRIGATION WORKS.

Bill Authorizing Appointment Chief Engineer to Have Charge of All Government Plants.

ITRIBUNE SPECIAL 1 Washington, Jan. 4 - Senator Hansbrough today introduced a bill authorizing the President to appoint a supervising engineer who shall have immediate charge of construction of all irrigation works constructed by the general government under the national irrigation act. The bill fixes the sal-ary of this engineer at \$10,000, to be paid from the reclamation fund. The chief engineer is authorized at all times to call on the geological survey for assistance in carrying out his work.

### WAITING ON REPORT.

Senator Heyburn Believes It Will Result in a Vindication for Woolley.

[TRIBUNE SPECIAL] Washington, Jan. 4.-Senator Heyburn today stated that he believed the case against H. Smith Woolley, until recently assayer at Boise, under recess appointment, would result in a vindication of that officer and upon a full report being made was convinced that Woolley would be given a clean bill by the Treasury department and be reap-pointed by the President.

### SLAUGHTER IN NEW GUINEA.

Fourteen People, Including Two Europeans, Are Massacred by Natives.

Brisbane, Queensland, Jan. 4 .-The natives of Parrhaven, German New Guinea, rose November 14th and massacred two Europeans, an engineer named Dowell and a trader, Erhardt, two Chinese and ten friendly natives. A punitive expedition sent against the natives killed twenty-five of the hostiles. The trouble arose over a land dispute.

Vancott May Practice.

[TRIBUNE SPECIAL] Washington, Jan 4.-Waldemar Van Cott of Salt Lake has been admitted to practice before the Supreme court.

## SENATE DEVOTES SESSION ENTIRE TO PANAMA

Speeches for and Against the Policy Pursued.

STEWART CRITICISES BOGOTA

Mergan Strengly Favers the Nicaraguan Reute.

Alabaman Declares That Course of Administration Is Breaking Down Established Policy of U. S.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- The Senate's first session following the holiday recess was devoted entirely to Panama. President Roosevelt sent a message on the subject which was received with great interest. Discussion continued throughout the day, speeches being made both in defense of and against the policy which had been pursued.

DEFENDS PRESIDENT. Mr. McComas defended the President and asserted that his action would stand if tried in court.

Mr. Stewart of Nevada severely criticised the Bogota Government for its in preventing construction of the canal.

MORGAN STATES PREFERENCE Mr. Morgan of Alabama stated his preference for the Nicaragua route and maintained that the present course of the administration was breaking down the established policy of the United States regarding neutrality.

NEW CHAPLAIN APPEARS. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the new-y-elected chaplain of the Senate, ly-elected chaplain of the Senate, clad in flowing black silk clerical robes, occupied the chair of the presiding officer just preceding the session, and on the body being called to order offered a stirring invocation.

IN THE HOUSE. The chaplain of the House, in open-ing the session of that body, prayed that the war between Russia and Japan might be averted by a peaceful adjust-ment of their differences.

A privileged resolution offered by Mr. Hay (Dem.), recited that certain statements contained in the postoffice report reflected upon the membership of the House "It provided for an investigation by a committee to be appointed by the Specifical Control of the House "It provided for an investigation by a committee to be appointed by the Specifical Control of the Control of t by the Speaker.

NO QUORUM.

A point of order made against the resolution by Mr. Gardner was over-ruled and the same fate met Mr. Payne, who desired to refer the resolution to the Postoffice committee. A vote on ordering the previous question resulted in a tle, the minority supporting Mr. Hay. The vote developed no quorum, and the House adjourned.

## SENT SAWS INTO JAIL.

Two Roeski Brothers, Arrested in Chicago, Confess to Aiding a Brother to Escape.

Chicago, Jan. 4.-Otto Roeski, 22 years old, and Herrman Roeski, 33 years, brothers of Emil Roeski, under indictment for the car barn murders, were arrested here today. Suspicion that they planned to blow up the county jail to liberate their brother was aroused when it was reported that they had nitro-glycerine, candles, steel saws and files when arrested. Later it was de-

nied that they had nitro-glycerine.

The police refused to say that the Roeskie were suspected of having given their brother the saw with which he made his almost successful attempt to escape a week ago from the county jail. It was hinted by the police that the Roeskis were wanted in connection with robberies committed since the ar-

rest of their brother. After being arrested Otto Roeski con-fessed to smuggling saws to his brother Emil in the county jail. The saws used my Emil Roeski in attempting to escape were found in his cell, concealed in a slight crevasse in the steel plating in the ceiling. Soap had been smeared

over the crevasse.

The two brothers were held under \$2500 bonds. Otto told in detail how he and Herrman on the night of the at-tempted escape waited outside of the jail with a rope to assist the bandit in his descent from the roof.

### IN BEHALF OF MACEDONIA

War Correspondent Lynch Appeals to the Pontiff to Use Influence With the Powers.

London, Jan. 4 .- In W. T. Stead's The Daily Paper, first issued today, is printed an interview with George Lynch, the war correspondent, had with Pope Pius, in which he appealed to the Pontffi to use his influence with the powers in behalf of the Macedonians. "Perhaps I have done more," said the Pope, "than you know of. I do not wish to interfers in politics unless I know it will be effectual for good. Only the other day when there appeared to be a prospect of war and bloodshed in Colombia I communicated with President Roosevelt and received a most courteous and cordial reply from him."

#### THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY—Former Representative R. W. Taylor of Ohlo, who led the fight against Roberts, has entered the fight against Smoot. Trial of Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, has begun... Senate devotes the whole day to a discussion of Parama. Senate Committee on Military Affairs reports favorably on Woode's nomination... A mother at 60 in Philladhipal gives birth to twins. President Roosevelt sends a special message on Panama to Congress. .. Number of victims in the Chicago fire reaches 589. Fire in the lowa State capitol causes \$25,444 damage.

FOREIGN-Russian press says that war is nearer than ever. Japan continues to make preparations for war. Fourteen people slaughtered by natives in New

make preparations for war. Four people slaughtered by natives in New Guinea.

MOUNTAIND AND COAST-Sugar bounty law of Idaho is attacked in the Supreme court. The greatest snow in several years is reported in the northern part of Montana. Idaho Falls experienced the greatest year in hor history in 1903.

CITY-Oleomargarine to be placed on sale in the city for the first time in many years. Manager Campbell plans better car and light service for the city. Mayor Morris transmits his first message to the City Council. Jeweler Lichtenstein retires from business. Large crowd of young Republicans goes to Ogden. Police have new clew as to the origin of the infant found at the garbage crematory. New City Council holds its first session and elects Frank J. Hewlett president. Two holdups follow C. J. Crabtree but fall to catch him. Board of Public Works sends a communication to the Council and members offer their resignations to Mayor Versia. members offer their resignations to Mayo members offer their resignations to Mayor Morris. Swede suspected of insanity proves to be suffering from delirium tremens. County Commissioners grant franchise to the Independent Telephone company. Leslie Houghton assaults his father and attempts to escape from the police station. Adelina Patti signs to an audience of 4000 at the Tabernacle. Bank clearings 5504.822 Yesterday's stock clearings. \$694.862. Yesterday's stock sales 21,155 shares for \$7805.50. Ore and bullion settlements during the day, \$84,900

# LOVE FEAST AT OGDEN

Republicans Hold an Inaugural Ball.

GOVERNOR WELLS SPEAKS

### Congratulates Members of the Party on Success.

Mayor Glasmann Delivered Address, Confining His Remarks to History Republican Administration.

[TRIBUNE SPECIAL] Ogden, Jan. 4.-The Republican inaugural ball at Dignon's hall on

Grand avenue last evening was a pronounced success. So much so that it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting at Conley's hall on Washington avenue to accommodate all who vanted to dance. The crowd was immense, Dignor's hall being packed to suffocation, and before the exercises began, which opened with an address

Wells The Governor began his speech by referring to the result of the election in Salt Lake City and Ogden and felicitated the Ogden Republicans on their pronounced victory. He congratulated them upon retaining control of city affairs, and hoped that they would maintain their supremacy in Weber county. He closed by predicting a successful administration for the incomfor officials of the city and also preing officials of the city, and also pre dicted Republican victory in county and State.

Mayor Glasmann followed Gov. Wells, and his remarks were confined to the history of the work of the past Re-publican administration. Facts and figures were presented by the Mayor showing that the Republican administration of the past two years had been the most economical in the history of the city, and yet, at the same time, had accomplished the most good for the citizens. He cited the fact that great improvement had been made in the city during the past two years, and yet there had been a sufficient surplus to apply on the debts of the city. After Mr. Glasmann's address punch was served and then the party retired to the hallroom and danced until midnight. ballroom and danced until midnight.

The celebration was a pronounced success from every point of view. So great was the crowd that hundreds of people could not get on the dancing floor, and Conley's hall on Washington avenue was opened and the overflow sent to that place. There was a large number of Republicans from Salt Lake, including a number of the State officers. Among these were Gov. Wells, Secretary of State Hammond, Attorney-General Breeden, Auditor C. S. Tingey, State Dairy Commissioner Heiner and State Coal Mine Inspector Gomer Thomas. The party returned to Salt

Lake at 12:25 o'clock.

After the ball was over I. L. Clark and A. T. Wright gave an informal banquet to the visiting State officials whose names appear shove. Te ban-quet was given at the Weber club and was a most enjoyable affair.

### SALT LAKERS ATTEND.

Many Enthusiastic Young Republicans Go to the Inauguration.

Between 100 and 150 members of the Young Men's Republican club left on a special train at 6.20 last night for Ogden to participate in the inauguration of the new Republican officials of that city. The crowd was enthusiastic and included a number of city and county officials. County Cierk James, who had expected to make the trie, was prevented because of illness in his family. Among those who left on the special last night were:

Gov. Wells. County Recorder Walter J. Mecks, Land and Water Commissioner J. F. McKnight, P. P. Christensen, W. F. Langenbacker, R. N. Johnson, W. J. Leuker, Col. Squires, J. O. Nystrom, J. Parley White, A. J. Davis, Thomas Hobday, A. E. Beveridge, J. L. May, Richard Barthel, L. D. Martin, F. C. Loufborows. new Republican officials of that city. The

## CITY GOVERNMENT IS PLACED IN NEW HANDS

Change of Administration Took Place at Noon.

REPUBLICANS ARE UNITED

Frank J. Hewlett Unanimously Elected President Council.

Mayor Morris Transmits His First Message to the City Fathers-All Appointments Confirmed.

The new administration took up the reins of the city municipal government at noon. The Republican city officials stepped out and the Democrats stepped There was little ceremony connected with the change. The old Council held its final session and adjourned sine die at 11:35 o'clock. The new members took the seats of those retiring sharp at noon and were but a few moments in selecting a president

REPUBLICANS STOOD TOGETHER. Frank J. Hewiett, Republican and the oldest member of the body, was chosen to fill the executive chair. E. A. Hartenstein, Democrat, was named for the pdesidency, but the Republicans stood together to a man on their first ballot to be cast and Hewlett was elected by a vote of 8 to 5, neither of the nominees voting. After the selection of the permanent chairman the new Council at-tended to some minor matters and adourned at 12:30 o'clock to meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

GAVEL FOR COTTRELL.

The old Council met at 10.45 in the forenoon to hold its last session. Before the body was called to order the city park-keeper distributed pretty nosegays among the members and others present. At the close of the session a handsome ivory gavel was given to the retiring president. Cottrell, by his fellow-members. The presentation speech was made by Councilman Fern-strom, who expressed the appreciation of the members, and especially that of the minority, for the justness of his rul-ings at trying times, when a man is very apt to let his feelings run away with his judgment. Mr. Fernstrom gave the token of esteem in person to the president and Mr. Cottrell in a brief and feeling speech thanked the members for the symbol of their esteem and appreciation of the efforts he had made in presiding over the often turbu-

AN ELEGANT GAVEL

The gavel, which was encased in a pretty leather box, is an elegant piece of work. The hammer is of ivory, the handle of ebony and the silver trim-mings engraved appropriately. On a wide band of silver around the body are inscribed the names of the Council-men, with a gold shield of the joint building attached. Two other small circlets of silver finish off the hammer circlets of silver finish off the hammer part and on another band around the handle is inscribed: "Presented to Charles Cottrell, Jr., Jan. 4, 1904." A cone of silver caps the tip of the han-The engraving is handsomely executed and the present, made by the McConnhay Jewelry company, is a fine

piece of work The intermission between the ad-journment of the old and the conven-ing of the new Council was spent in general felicitation. The new city offi-cials, as well as the old, and many others were present and partook in the

general handshaking. NEW COUNCIL CONVENES. The new Council was called to order City Recorder John S. Critchlow and on motion of A. J. Davis, Councilman Tuddenham was chosen as temporary chairman. It was then voted that nominations for president be in order, and the name of Mr. Hewlett was presented without remark of any kind by A. J. Davis. Joseph H. Preece, from the Second ward, seconded the nomina tion, as did also Mr. Black. E. A. Hartenstein was nominated by Fernstrom and seconded by E. H. Davis. No other nominations were made, and without the least demonstration a roll call vote

PRES. HEWLETT'S REMARKS. The new president was escorted to the chair by Councilmen Fernstrom and Davis, A. J., and after being intro-

chair by Councilmen Fernstrom and Davis, A. J., and after being introduced by the former spoke as follows:

"I thank you for your action in conferring this distinction upon me. I pledge you my best efforts to justify your confidence, and I know that I will have your hearty support and confidence, without which I cannot hope to succeed.

"I fully realize that the position, to use an old, familiar expression, is not a bed of roses, and if at any time a ruling should be made that you might consider unjust or unfair, kindly attribute it to a lack of good judgment, for it will be my especial aim to be fair and impartial and treat the members all alike.

"I shall endeavor to push business as speedily as it might be consistent, for I believe in short and profitable sessions; and I know that you will all be more than pleased to aid me.

"Hoping that our associations together during the next two years may be of the most cordial character, and that we will work in harmony with the other city officials for good government, so nuch so that the united people of Sait Lake City, regardless of their religious or political complexion, can say: "Well done, good and faithful servants." It will then be a pleasure to look back on our time spent here as profitable and be a happy remembrance."

MEMBERS CHOOSE SEATS. The Councilmen in the meantime had taken seats temporarily, the Democrats

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#### +++++++++++++ SMOOT'S ANSWER TO CHARGES READY FOR COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan, 4.-Former Rep-

who has been engaged by opponents + of Senator Reed Smoot &

in the fight to prevent the Senator of Senator Reed Smoot to assist + + from retaining his sent in Congress, + had an interview today with Sen-+ ator Burrows, chairman of the + Committee on Privileges and Elec-+ tions, concerning the protests + which have been filed. Senator + Smoot saw Senator Burrows also Smoot saw Senator Burrows also + and gave notice that his answer + to the charges is ready to be sub-Mr. Taylor was + floor leader in the successful ef-+ fort that prevented Brigham H. + Roberts taking his seat in the House of Representatives, and will be associated with John G. Car-+ lisle in the effort to defeat Sena-

+ tor Smoot Senator Smoot submitted to + + ply to the charges, which reply + + Chairman Burrows tonight his rewill be presented to the committee at a meeting to be called this week.

#### ++++++++++++++++ CHANGE IN LAND LAWS.

Commission Will Visit Utah to Ascertain Views of the People of the State.

[TRIBUNE SPECIAL.]

Washington, Jan. 4 .- On January 20th F. E. Newell and Gifford Pinchot, two nembers of the Public Land commission appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the workings of the publicland laws, will be in Salt Lake City and hold public hearings to ascertain the views of the people of Utah. At the hearing on that day any and all persons interested in public land mat-ters will be given an opportunity to present their view, either orally or in writing. The commission will en-deavor to not only secure local ideas as to the necessity for modification in the laws affecting title to lands, but will branch out into the forest reserve and irrigation legislation, which is of such paramount importance at the present

On the 22nd the commission will con tinue the hearings in Denver. The first hearings will be held in Portland, where the commission will attend the annual convention of the National Livestock

### CASE AGAINST EAGLESON.

Interior Department Has Dropped the Matter for the Time

Being.

ITRIBUNE SPECIAL I

Washington, Jan. 4.-For the time be ing the Interior department has dropped the case against Surveyor-General Eagleson of Boise, Ida., and Clerk Paynton, who is Eagleson's subordi-rate. Senator Heyburn and Repre-sentative French have at least shown nate. that there is grave reason to doubt that Eagleson persists in ignoring orders from Commissioner Richards, and have stoutly insisted that Paynton is not in-efficient, as reported, but on the contrary has an exceptional record as

## SENTENCE REMITTED.

President Has Pardoned an Army Official Convicted by Court-Martial.

Washington, Jan. 4.-The President has remitted the unexecuted portion of the sentence of imprisonment in the case of Second Lieut, Shelby L. Rucker of the Second Lieut. Shelby L. Rucker of the Philippine scouts. This officer was convicted by court martial at Manila of embezzling about \$2000 of subsistence funds and sentenced to be dismissed and to be imprisoned for one year. He has already served about six months of histerm. Clemency in his case was recommended by the court which tried him. He is a son of Gen. Rucker of the army.

### SMOOT'S FIRST BILLS.

Senator Introduces Two Measures One to Reimburse Postmaster at Wanship.

[TRIBUNE SPECIAL.] Washington, Jan. 4.-Senator Smoot introduced his first bill today. One proposes to reimburse George Young, postmaster at Wanship, Utah, for postage stamps stolen from his safe valued at \$163. The other increases pension of Margaret Liddleto \$15

## VALUABLES LOST IN FIRE.

Officers Busy Digging Out Watches, Rings, Hair Pins and Furs From Ruins Iroquois Theater.

Chicago, Jan. 4—Probably \$25,000 worth of articles lost in the fire are still uniden-tified. Dozens of pieces of jewelly are frozen in the ice in the ill-fated theater, and officers were busy all day digging out watches, rings, hairpins and furs.

Typhoid Epidemic Feared. Kittaning, Pa., Jan. 4.—Grave fears ex-ist that Kittaning may have an epidemic of typhoid fever. There are 100 cases and the disease is increasing rapidly. So far the death rate has been small,

# SUGAR BOUNTY LAW IN IBAHO ATTACKED IN COURT

Validity of Act Arqued Before Supreme Court.

CAME UP ON A DEMURRER

Atterneys Appear for the Amer-Ican Bridge Company.

Six Points Raised by the Attorney-General-Judge Quarles Speaks for the Plaintiffs.

TRIBUNE SPECIALY Boise, Ida., Jan. 4.-Arguments were

heard by the Supreme court today in the case involving the validity of the sugar bounty law and the validity of certain bond issues authorized by the Legislature. The case came up on demurrer to the application of Edward Stein for a writ of prohibition restraining the Governor, Attorney-General, State Auditor and State Treasurer from issuing or registering State bonds under the terms of the deficiency bond act and other measures passed by the Seventh Legislature. Attorneys appeared for the American Bridge company, contractors for the Weiser bridge, the bonds for which are involved in the application, represented by this corporation; also the University of Idaho, the maintenance and improvement bonds of which are attacked. The points raised by Attorney-General Bagley were as follows:

First-the official capacity of the defendants and of the boards created by the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, authorized to perform the acts mentioned and complained of in the petition does not sufficiently appear

Second—The writ of prohibition will not issue to prohibit or restrain the acts of executive or ministerial officers.
Third—The petition does not state facts sufficient to show that the appropriations made by the last Legisla-ture exceed the limitations contained in section 11, article 7, of the Constitu-

tion.
Fourth—The petition does not state facts sufficient to show that the State's exceeds the limitations indebtedness exceeds the limitations contained in section 1, article 8, of the Constitution.

Fifth—The acts of the Legislature re-ferred to in the petition cannot be col-laterally attacked in application for prohibition Sixth-The petition does not state facts sufficient to show that the plain-

tiff is entitled to the issuance of the Judge Quarles spoke at length in support of the petition. He devoted much of his argument to the sugar bounty act, claiming that if subsidies can be granted for sugar they can be provided for any other product.

# PUBLIC HALLS CLOSED.

Practically Impossible to Hold House Meeting of Any Kind in Chicago Outside of Churches.

Chicago, Jan. 4.-After tonight it will for some weeks at least be practically impossible to hold a house meeting of any kind outside of churches. Building Commissioner Williams tonight issued an order closing all public halls, dance halls and turnverein halls and all simliar places of public assemblage until inspection has shown they are complying with all provisions of the building ordinance. As there are more than 5000 halls in Chicago, ranging in size from those that will accommodate fifty persons up to those with a seating capac-ity of 500, this order will affect probably as many persons as the theater-closing order. Protests were numerous, but the Building Commissioner was in-

## MADE HOMELESS BY FIRE.

Delaware Apartment Building in Chicago Destroyed; Occupants Have Narrow Escape.

Chicago, Jan. 4.-In the burning of the Delaware apartment building this evening 150 persons were rendered homeless, and there were many narrow escapes from death in the flames. The building is a relic of the World's fair construction period. It was a frame. The fire was started by the lamp of a plumber who crawled under-neath the building to repair a water pipe. The inmates were compelled to fiee without anything except their clothing. Several of them sustained slight injuries, but nobody was se-riously hurt. Loss, \$20,000.

Postmasters Chosen. TRIBUNE SPECIAL! Washington, Jan. 4.-Postmasters ap-Idaho-Southwick, Nez Perces county Peter F. Spekker, vice Walter E. Dag

wyoming-Sussex, Johnson county, Alla D. Finch, vice Henry W. Davis, resigned.